

**MINUTES**  
**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON (H) JOINT APPROPS SUBCOM ON JUDICIAL BRANCH, LAW**  
**ENFORCEMENT, AND JUSTICE**

**Call to Order:** Chair Tom McGillvray-R, on January 13, 2023 at 8:01 AM, in 317A

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Bill Mercer, Chair (R)  
Sen. Tom McGillvray, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)  
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)  
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)

**Staff Present:** Macy McCauley, Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted:

Executive Action:

08:05:00        **Committee Discussion:** Walker Presentation

08:05:12        Walker Hopkins LFD

08:09:56        Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter joined the meeting.

08:13:13        Chair Bill Mercer left the meeting.

08:16:16        Sen. Ryan Lynch

08:17:25        Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

08:17:34        Walker Hopkins LFD

08:19:47        Vice Chair Tom McGillvray

08:20:03        Sen. Ryan Lynch

08:20:26        Walker Hopkins LFD

08:20:49        **Committee Discussion:** Public Service Commissioner

08:21:00        James Brown, President MT Public Service Commission

08:42:02        Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

08:42:12        James Brown, President MT Public Service Commission

08:42:49        Jennifer Fielder, Vice President Public Service Commission

08:53:01        Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter left the meeting.

08:57:12        Vice Chair Tom McGillvray

08:57:25        [EXHIBIT\(230113JCHa1\)](#)

08:57:30        [EXHIBIT\(230113JCHa2\)](#)

08:58:28        [EXHIBIT\(230113JCHa3\)](#)

09:10:42        Rep. Fiona Nave

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09:10:49	James Brown, President MT Public Service Commission
09:11:35	Sen. Ryan Lynch left the meeting.
09:12:48	Rep. Fiona Nave
09:13:06	James Brown, President MT Public Service Commission
09:13:55	Vice Chair Tom McGillvray
09:14:17	James Brown, President MT Public Service Commission
09:14:46	Jennifer Fielder, Vice President Public Service Commission
09:16:23	Sen. Ryan Lynch joined the meeting.
09:17:06	Vice Chair Tom McGillvray
09:17:33	Jennifer Fielder, Vice President Public Service Commission
09:20:13	Sen. Shelley Vance
09:22:13	Jennifer Fielder, Vice President Public Service Commission
09:24:36	Rep. Fiona Nave
09:24:49	Jennifer Fielder, Vice President Public Service Commission
09:27:11	Chair Bill Mercer
09:27:44	Vice Chair Tom McGillvray
09:29:12	James Brown, President MT Public Service Commission
09:33:13	Chair Bill Mercer
09:33:44	James Brown, President MT Public Service Commission
09:34:20	Vice Chair Tom McGillvray
09:34:57	James Brown, President MT Public Service Commission
09:35:42	Randall Pinocci, Commissioner
09:40:45	Chair Bill Mercer
09:42:22	Vice Chair Tom McGillvray

09:42:56 Sen. Ryan Lynch

09:43:32 Randall Pionocci, Commissioner

09:45:14 Sen. Ryan Lynch

09:45:40 Randall Pionocci, Commissioner

09:47:20 Vice Chair Tom McGillvray left the meeting.

09:48:49 Chair Bill Mercer

09:49:49 Sen. Ryan Lynch

09:52:24 Chair Bill Mercer

08:58:17 **Recessed**

09:10:23 **Reconvened**

09:53:57 **Recessed**

10:04:41 **Reconvened**

10:05:59 **Committee Discussion:** PSC Continued

10:06:06 Chair Bill Mercer

10:06:12 James Brown, President MT Public Service Commissioner

10:07:40 Rep. Fiona Nave

10:08:42 Chair Bill Mercer

10:09:07 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

10:10:10 James Brown, President MT Public Service Commissioner

10:12:24 Chair Bill Mercer

10:13:13 James Brown, President MT Public Service Commissioner

10:16:47 Chair Bill Mercer

10:18:18 James Brown, President MT Public Service Commissioner

10:21:25 Chair Bill Mercer

10:22:42 James Brown, President MT Public Service Commissioner

10:23:28 Chair Bill Mercer

10:23:40 James Brown, President MT Public Service Commissioner

10:27:18 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

10:27:43 James Brown, President MT Public Service Commissioner

10:29:11 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

10:29:42 Jennifer Fielder, Vice President MT Public Service Commissioner

10:32:01 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

10:32:57 Jennifer Fielder, Vice President MT Public Service Commissioner

10:33:15 Rep. Fiona Nave

10:34:12 Jennifer Fielder, Vice President MT Public Service Commissioner

10:35:06 Rep. Fiona Nave

10:35:24 Vice Chair Tom McGillvray joined the meeting.

10:36:37 Chair Bill Mercer

10:38:48 Jennifer Fielder, Vice President MT Public Service Commissioner

10:40:34 Sen. Ryan Lynch left the meeting.

10:41:00 Chair Bill Mercer

10:42:21 [EXHIBIT\(230113JCHa4\)](#)

10:45:00 James Brown, President MT Public Service Commissioner

10:45:36 Sen. Ryan Lynch joined the meeting.

10:49:34 Chair Bill Mercer

10:49:51 Brent Doig, OBPP

10:50:27 James Brown, President MT Public Service Commissioner

10:55:31 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

10:56:45 James Brown, President MT Public Service Commissioner

10:58:37 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter left the meeting.

10:58:54 Vice Chair Tom McGillvray

10:59:08 James Brown, President MT Public Service Commissioner

11:00:10 Vice Chair Tom McGillvray

11:00:21 James Brown, President MT Public Service Commissioner

11:00:59 Chair Bill Mercer

11:01:41 Brent Doig, OBPP

11:01:48 Cathy Duncan, LFD

11:03:24 Chair Bill Mercer

11:03:36 Sen. Ryan Lynch

11:04:10 Brent Doig, OBPP

11:04:20 Chair Bill Mercer

11:04:36 Sen. Ryan Lynch

11:05:07 Chair Bill Mercer

11:05:14 James Brown, President MT Public Service Commissioner

11:05:44 Chair Bill Mercer

11:06:53 James Brown, President MT Public Service Commissioner

11:07:16 Vice Chair Tom McGillvray left the meeting.

11:07:25 **Committee Discussion:**

11:07:30 David Hoffman, Director of Government Affairs

11:09:47 Chair Bill Mercer

11:09:59 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter left the meeting.

11:10:49 **Committee Discussion:**

11:10:53

James Brown, President MT Public Service Commissioner

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:13:57

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Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230113JCHaad\)](#)